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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 U.S.C. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in combination with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in lieu of a Reply Brief and Request for Oral Hearing following an Appeal Brief filed February 24, 2003 and an Examiner's Answer mailed July 30, 2003. The Examiner's Answer set a deadline for a response expiring on September 30, 2003, which was non-extendable. This RCE and Preliminary Amendment are timely filed as they are submitted on September 30, 2003. The applicants carefully analyzed the arguments set forth in the Examiner's Answer. Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.